(*b*) Rs. 7,900. The work done during the year consists of 9 piles driven down to position for 3 piers, moulding of pile caps for the middle and right pier and building of the right pier to a height of 3½ feet.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the amount spent during 1116 on this Bridge?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: I have not got the figures. At least Rs. 2,000 have been spent.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the amount of Rs. 7,900 shown here is the amount spent during the current year.

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Yes.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know in what stage the work is now?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: About nine piles have been driven into position and the remaining work could not be proceeded with this year on account of the flood.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: Are they in proper position.

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Yes, certainly.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the total estimates for the construction of this bridge.

MR. I. C. CHACKO: About Rs. 20,000.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the reason why this brigde has not been considered for the last 2 years even though there were budget provisions?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Last year the contractor selected for the work failed and this year we did not get the plant for pile driving in time as engaged elsewhere. Fresh arrangements have been made this year and the work was in very good progress until a few weeks ago. I hope to complete it in three or four month's time after the floods.

War Allowance.

133. * MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they or the High Court have received representations from the low paid Government Servants such as peons, etc., praying for the increase in their salary or for allowance on account of the extraordinary situation brought about by the present great war;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken on the same; and

(*c*) whether such steps have been taken by the Cochin Government?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

(*c*) Government are not aware.

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